

REMARKS

In this response, claim 30 has been canceled, and claim 21 has been amended. Claims 1-20 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claim 21-29 and 31-34 remain pending in this present application. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is hereby requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 30 would be allowable if it is amended to include the limitations of independent claim 21 and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 21 to include the limitations of claim 30. Thus, as all pending claims depend on claim 21, which now includes the limitation of claim 30, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now allowable over the prior art.

Applicant has also submitted a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness double-patenting rejection of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

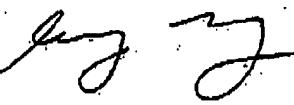
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